
Transportation and Communications Committee
April 7, 2005

Action Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Lee Ann Garcia, Chair, City of Grand Terrace. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Baldwin, Harry	City of San Gabriel
Bone, Lou	City of Tustin
Brown, Art	City of Buena Park
Burke, Yvonne	City of Los Angeles
Dale, Lawrence	City of Barstow
Daniels, Gene	City of Paramount
Dixon, Richard	City of Lake Forrest
Flickinger, Bonnie	City of Moreno Valley
Garcia, Lee Ann	City of Grand Terrace
Hernandez, Robert	City of Anaheim
Herrera, Carol	SGVCOG
Lowe, Robin	City of Hemet/RCTC
Lowenthal, Bonnie	City of Long Beach
Ovitt, Gary	San Bernardino County
Rutherford, Mark	City of Westlake Village
Smith, Greg	City of Los Angeles
Spence, David	City of Arroyo Verdugo
Szerlip, Don	South Bay Cities
Talbot, Paul	City of Alhambra
Tyler, Sidney	City of Pasadena

Members Not Present

Adams, Steve	Riverside, WRCOG
Aldinger, Jim	City of Manhattan Beach
Bauman, John	City of Brea
Becerra, Glen	City of Simi Valley
Buckley, Tom	City of Lake Elsinore
Cervantes, Jesus	Commerce, Gateway Cities COG
DeLara, Juan	City of Coachella
De Young, Cathryn	City of Laguna Niguel
Dunlap, Judy	City of Inglewood

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Fasana, John	City of Duarte
Gabelich, Rae	City of Long Beach
George, Gary	City of Redlands
Gurule, Frank	City of Cudahy
Hall, Isadore	City of Compton
Herzog, Peter	OCOG
Marshall, Patsy	City of Buena Park
Mikels, Judy	Ventura County
Miller, Llewellyn	City of Claremont
Miller, Paul	City of Simi Valley
Millhouse, Keith	City of Moorpark
O'Connor, Pam	City of Santa Monica
Nuaimi, Mark	City of Fontana
Pettis, Greg	Cathedral City
Ridgeway, Tod	City of Newport Beach
Roberts, Ron	City of Temecula
Smyth, Cameron	City of Santa Clarita
Stone, Jeff	Riverside County
Sykes, Tom	City of Walnut
Uranga, Tonia Reyes	City of Long Beach
Wapner, Alan	City of Ontario

New Members

Joffe, Enid	San Gabriel Valley COG
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Voting Members, Not Elected Official

Casey, Rose	Caltrans
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

Chair Honorable Lee Ann Garcia called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments at this time

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of March 3, 2005

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 State and Federal Legislative Matrix

4.2.2 SCAG Future Events Calendar

4.2.3 State Budget Update

4.2.4 Southern California Consensus Program

4.2.5 I-710 (Ocean Boulevard to SR-60) Letter of Completion

MOTION was made to pull items 4.2.1 for discussion.

MOTION was then made to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar items, SECONDED, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.2.1 State and Federal Legislative Matrix

It was requested that a full Legislative Report be brought forward at the next meeting. Specifically including:

- AB 1552 (La Suer), San Diego Consolidated Transportation Agency
- SB 760 (Lowenthal), Ports: Congestion Relief: Security Enhancement
- An evaluation of the proposal that speaker Nunez has made on the new taxing system that is being looked at between trading sales tax with gasoline tax.
- Proposition 42

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4.2.2 SCAG Future Events Calendar

MOTION was made to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar items, SECONDED, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Nomination of Regional Champion Award Recipient

Three candidates were nominated: Felix Oduyami (Edison), Bill Davis (MetroLink), and Kerry Cartwright (Port of Long Beach).

After much discussion and evaluation of the three individuals that had been nominated, it was concluded that the Committee felt that it did not have sufficient time to review the qualifications of the candidates and therefore did not nominate an award recipient.

The Committee requested that the item be brought back to TCC in January 2006 or three months prior to the 2006 General Assembly, along with a written write up on each nominee for review.

No nominee was selected for Regional Champion award.

MOTION was made to table the item until January 2006.

5.2 GoCalifornia Legislative Package

Charlotte Pikenos, SCAG Staff, started by stating that in the interest of time she would take questions from the committee on the legislative package.

Chair Lee Ann Garcia, then read the recommended action out loud. Recommend that the Regional Council support position on AB 850, AB 1266, and SB 705 and a support in concept position in regard to the transportation provisions of ACA 4X.

Robin Lowe, City of Hemet, inquired if Russ Bogh's HOV bill in ACA 4X? Mrs. Pikenos responded no, that it was not a part of the Governor's GoCalifornia Package. Ms. Lowe then responded that there were some important bills that were not being addressed by the Committee that are proposed by legislators in Sacramento that are trying to help our region with congestion relief.

The Committee felt that staff needed to present all bills related to transportation to the committee, in addition to what was being presented at next months meeting. The Committee wanted also to understand how other legislation related to the GoCalifornia package.

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Motion was made to table the item until the May meeting when staff will return with a more comprehensive review of pending legislation.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Overview of National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)

Mr. Fred Abouselman, Transportation Director, National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), SCAG's advocacy association in Washington D.C., presented an overview of NARC's mission to represent the interests of Regional Councils like SCAG, as well as an update on the TEA-21 Reauthorization Process.

Key projects for NARC include freight and goods movement, safety, air quality, homeland security and water quality planning. Regarding the TEA-21 process, Senate Majority Leader Frist has not ordered floor time for TEA-21, so making the timing of legislative approval unclear. The Bush Administration has set the level for the reauthorization at \$284 million and the House leaders have agreed to that amount. Abouselman stated the Senate version of the bill looks to be more favorable for MPOs and that NARC would continue to monitor and advocate on SCAG's behalf. He stated that NARC looks forward to the continued cooperation of COG's in planning and legislative efforts.

7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

Robin Lowe, City of Hemet, reported that she attended a meeting with SANBAG, City of Ontario, City of Los Angeles to finalize the agreement on the MOU for the Maglev. There will be a Maglev meeting next month to go through the MOU for comments and explain further in detail at that time. Concurrently, the MOU and the JPA language is being worked on to move everything forward along with the IOS for the initial service.

8.0 CHAIR REPORT

Chair Garcia stated that she would see the Committee at next month's Regional Council where there would be a lot of discussion on legislation.

9.0 STAFF REPORT

None at this time

10.0 GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

None at this time.

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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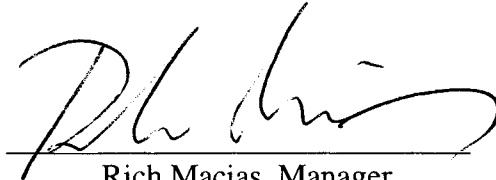
Greg Smith, City of Los Angeles, stated that he had met with Governor Schwarzenegger yesterday to discuss Proposition 42 funding. The Governor had expected over 2 billion dollars in extra revenue funds coming in, it has now crept up to 6.2 billion dollars. They expect to transfer back 1.2 billion into Proposition 42 next month after the Governor gives this recommendation to the legislature.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Honorable Lee Ann Garcia, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on

May 5, 2005, 10:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles Athletic Club.



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